

knew it would mark the end of her historic battle. I called to make sure she knew the good news. That tougher-than-nails woman was sitting inside her home in Browning, while fierce Montana winds dropped the temperature to 17 degrees below zero. Thirty years of determination flowed through the tears in her eyes. She was happy. She was relieved. She was thankful.

It was in 1996 that she took a deep breath, gritted her teeth, and filed an historic lawsuit seeking justice on behalf of herself and 500,000 individual American Indians. At that time, all she wanted was an accounting for what they were owed. Her decision changed her life and the lives of every American Indian for generations to come. Her 15-year court battle resulted in the largest settlement with the government in American history.

Throughout the years, through painful criticism and generous support, she relentlessly led the charge against government mismanagement. She was unyielding in her pursuit of justice for one of this Nation's most vulnerable populations. After battling the Federal Government for nearly 30 years, President Obama signed into law the \$3.4 billion settlement of the lawsuit that Congress approved earlier that year. At the signing ceremony, President Obama said, "It's finally time to make things right."

After all, the government had mismanaged the lands in question for 123 years.

Above everything else, history will remember Elouise Cobell for bringing justice to her community. She demonstrated perhaps the greatest strength—and asset—in Indian Country: kinship. As the years wore on, she fought harder for her family community.

When Montana elected me to the U.S. Senate, Elouise wasn't far behind me in Washington. She told me that many of the members she represented were elderly. The longer this case drags on, fewer of them will see the justice they deserve.

That is why I was disappointed earlier this month when a Washington court allowed several appeals of the case to move forward.

For many reasons over the years, Elouise Cobell earned recognition as a respected leader and role model. She walked in two worlds. Born on the Blackfeet Reservation on November 5, 1945, she was one of eight children. She was a great granddaughter of Mountain Chief, one of the legendary leaders of the Blackfeet Nation.

She and her husband operated a cattle ranch, and she founded the first Land Trust in Indian Country. For 13 years, she served as co-chair of the Native American Bank and as a trustee for the National Museum of the American Indian. She served as trustee for the Nature Conservancy of Montana.

She was executive director of the Native American Community Development Corporation. In 2004, the National

Center for American Indian Enterprise Development bestowed upon her the Jay Silverheels Achievement Award.

Elouise remained true to her local community and to her cultural identity. But she also achieved success at the highest levels of non-Indian society. Elouise graduated from Great Falls Business College and attended Montana State University, where she received an honorary doctorate. In 2011, Dartmouth College awarded her an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. The President of Dartmouth told her: "You fought a David and Goliath battle and won."

Her story of courage is an inspiration to Native people and indeed to all Americans. She demonstrated that our legal system is strong enough to protect even the most vulnerable, and this nation, the most powerful on earth, keeps the promises we make.

She was a remarkable woman. Montanans and I will miss her dearly.

COMMENDING SENATOR BOB DOLE

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I had the distinct privilege to participate in a ceremony recently in Topeka, KS, to honor our dear friend and longest serving Republican leader here in this Chamber, Senator Bob Dole. Kansas Governor Sam Brownback conceived of the Kansas Walk of Honor, located right outside the Kansas Capitol, to commemorate and honor important Kansans. It is only fitting that the plaque that bears Bob Dole's name is the first to christen the Walk of Honor. Senator Dole's contributions and history is interwoven in the hallowed halls of the Senate. With that rich history, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD his comments, along with mine, from the Walk of Honor event.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

REMARKS OF SENATOR PAT ROBERTS

KANSAS WALK OF HONOR

(Sept. 30, 2011)

I am honored and privileged to be here with you today to celebrate the Kansas Walk of Honor and to commemorate my good friend, Kansas Native Son, and WWII hero, Bob Dole. Bob Dole is a living legacy. As a member of the Greatest Generation, his incredible history is well known to fellow Americans nationwide. It is only fitting that he is the first honoree of the Kansas Walk of Honor.

As a statesman, Bob Dole's reach is far and wide. His legislative achievements are legion and in many cases, unknown and unheralded. On Bob's list of accomplishments are some big ticket items such as, the 1983 Social Security Reforms, the Americans with Disability Act, the Voting Rights Act, just to name a few. He also worked across the aisle with the likes of liberal George McGovern, as seen by their bipartisan work on nutrition programs.

Bob set the bar high as the longest serving Republican Senate Majority Leader. He was known as a pragmatic Midwesterner who was respected on both sides of the aisle and a master consensus builder. He led by example,

encouraging fellow members to express their convictions without hostility and allow for disagreement without declaring war on the floor of the Senate.

But his work didn't stop there. After his service in public office, Bob served our nation in a different capacity; honoring our nation's veterans. Simply put, the World War II Memorial would not exist were it not for Senator Bob Dole. I was proud to be a part of the ceremony to recognize Bob's tireless support of America's veterans and the World War II Memorial. It is largely through his efforts, advocacy, and fundraising that the World War II Memorial stands proudly on the National Mall.

The man was and is amazing; his record of public service, this memorial, the Honor Flights and Wounded Warriors programs. The World War II Memorial has become wonderfully unique; a Mecca not really expected or predicted—where veterans whose heroic efforts and sacrifice preserved our freedoms—now come by the thousands.

Bob, your record is unmatched. We thank you.

But, hold on, I've got another job to do and that is to move this ceremony along at a fast clip. As we all know, the now Governor Brownback's previous job was riding shotgun with me in the Senate. Sam followed in the footsteps of today's honoree to continue the level of commitment and service to our great state.

Sam, I remember the first campaign rally we attended together. The featured guest speaker, Senator Phil Gramm of Texas introduced me as one who made significant changes in the House of Representatives and then introduced Sam as: "One who not only wants to change things but to make the right changes."

That remains true as you've taken the reins back here in the heartland. And now it is my pleasure to turn over this lectern to the indomitable Kansas Governor, Sam Brownback.

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

KANSAS WALK OF HONOR, KANSAS STATE CAPITOL, TOPEKA, KANSAS

(Sept. 30, 2011)

Over the years I've had all sorts of recognitions but nothing that means as much as this one. Hollywood may have its Walk of Fame, but in Kansas we have a Walk of Honor. That tells you a lot about this place and its values. Fame is fleeting, unsubstantial, first cousin to celebrity. Fame gives you five minutes on the Today Show or maybe—if you're sufficiently mobile—a shot at Dancing with the Stars. I'm still waiting for my invitation. In the mean time I've been telling Elizabeth to work on her Fox Trot.

Fame comes like a prairie squall, and lasts as long. Honor, on the other hand, is the work of a lifetime—more, it's the seed of character planted in one generation and bearing fruit for as long as there are people who practice the old virtues of decency and self-denial, love of country and the neighbor's concern for those in distress. Sixty years have passed since I first entered this building the greenest of lawmakers—a somewhat banged up 2nd Lieutenant studying law at Washburn and hoping that my hero Dwight Eisenhower could be persuaded to run for president.

Now there's a definition of honor. In fact, honor is a quality that often goes unrecognized. It exists outside the headlines. It thrives quietly in our classrooms and church pews, on our playing fields, and, yes, in these halls where our democracy plays out—wherever Kansans put service before self, keeping faith with all those who have made this the

greatest state in the greatest nation on earth.

My debt to those Kansans can never be repaid. But it can be honored—every time I try, in some small way, to emulate the compassion and generosity of my friends and neighbors in Russell, multiplied over the years by countless acts of kindness, and culminating today in this ceremony. A long time ago, long before anyone could remotely imagine Bob Dole in a Walk of Honor, I took inspiration from a song called “You’ll Never Walk Alone.” My whole life, up to and including today, has been a validation of that song. And the greatest honor of my life has been to share that walk with my fellow Kansans—the most honorable people I know.

TRIBUTE TO BRUCE AKERS

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Bruce H. Akers, mayor of Pepper Pike, OH, for many years of outstanding leadership and service to the Greater Cleveland community. Mayor Akers has done remarkable work during his distinguished career as a leader in the business and civic community to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens. On Thursday, October 20, 2011 the Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association will honor Mayor Akers with the George V. Voinovich Public Service Award.

Mayor Akers’ work as a civic leader started more than 50 years ago when he began his career in banking with National City Bank. Although Mayor Akers retired in 2000 as senior vice president for civic affairs at KeyBank, he has continued his vigorous efforts to serve his community as a civic volunteer and local elected officeholder. Throughout the years, Mayor Akers has held leadership positions in organizations such as City Year of Cleveland, Park Works, the Chagrin Valley Inter-Governmental Council, The Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland, and United Way Services. He was also one of the founders of Business Volunteers Unlimited. In June of 2000 he completed 30 years as a member of the National Board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America and is currently a member of its National Advisory Council.

Mayor Akers has had a distinguished political career, beginning with his work as a precinct committeeman in 1960. Since that time, he has served on the staff of Cleveland mayor Ralph J. Perk, as a Pepper Pike councilman, and as president of the Cuyahoga County Mayors of Managers Association. He was appointed in 2008 to serve on the nine-member Commission on Cuyahoga County Government Reform and has been integral in recent years to the reform and transformation of the new charter form of government in Cuyahoga County. This year, Bruce Akers will retire from elected office after serving five terms as Mayor of Pepper Pike, OH.

For his commitment to public service and the many contributions he has made to Pepper Pike and the Greater Cleveland community, I would like to recognize and thank Mayor Bruce H.

Akers for his years of service and wish him well as he continues his many civic endeavors.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING ROLLIN POST

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to honor the life of Rollin Post, an award-winning Bay Area journalist, who passed away on October 3, 2011, following complications from Alzheimer’s disease. Throughout his career, Rollin made extraordinary contributions to journalism, public affairs, and the Bay Area community he so passionately served. I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife Diane Post and their three children and five grandchildren.

Born in New York City in May 1930, Mr. Post was the son of New York State Assemblyman Langdon Post and Janet Kirby Post; and grandson to Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Rollin Kirby. After a childhood in New York, Tucson, and southern California, Rollin briefly attended San Francisco State College before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He later enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley, where he graduated in 1952 with a bachelor of arts in political science. Following graduation, Rollin returned to southern California to work at CBS radio and then as a writer at the local CBS television affiliate.

Rollin Post’s passion for broadcast journalism brought him back to the Bay Area, where he took a job at KPIX in 1961. Over the course of nearly 40 years, he remained a staple on local news broadcasts, focusing exclusively on matters relating to politics and public affairs and establishing himself as a highly respected and engaging reporter, commentator, and interviewer. Together with his long-time colleague and cohost, Belva Davis, Mr. Post developed several enduring television programs such as “A Closer Look” and “California This Week.”

During his storied career, Rollin Post covered nine Presidential elections and interviewed many important figures in local, State, and national politics. He was so well known as a journalist that Robert Redford cast him to play himself in the 1972 film “The Candidate.” He also received many well-deserved honors and awards for his work, including recognitions from the Society of Professional Journalists and the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

Outside of his work in journalism, Rollin served as a volunteer for several organizations, including Common Cause and the Institute of Governmental Studies at his alma mater, UC Berkeley. He was also a lifelong baseball fan and an avid outdoorsman, relishing opportunities to take his family camping and hiking.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Rollin’s family, friends, and former colleagues. He will be sorely missed.●

RECOGNIZING THE JEWISH FEDERATION’S NEW HOME

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Jewish Federation of the Desert as the organization prepares to move into its new home in Rancho Mirage, CA.

The Jewish Federation of the Desert embraces the core Jewish values of compassion, charity, generosity, and responsibility to care for those in need including the elderly, the homeless, the undereducated, and victims of abuse and violence. In addition, the federation is dedicated to supporting child and youth education, with afterschool activities, day schools, and childhood centers.

On November 1, the Jewish Federation of the Desert will open its doors in Rancho Mirage. This new home will allow the federation to dedicate more of its resources to helping people in the Coachella Valley and create a vibrant new center for Jewish community life.

I congratulate the Jewish Federation of the Desert and wish its staff, volunteers, and supporters continued success in carrying out its noble mission.●

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I commend Northampton Community College on the groundbreaking of its new \$72 million Monroe County Campus. This undertaking will expand and improve educational opportunities for countless students for generations to come. It is a notable achievement that has been made possible through the persistence, dedication, and cooperation of a committed group of faculty, staff, and administrators at Northampton Community College.

Northampton’s newest campus, which impressively spans over 200,000 square feet, includes a workforce development training center, an enrollment center building, and a student life building. Given our country’s current economic climate and staggering unemployment rate, what Northampton Community College has managed to accomplish today is nothing short of remarkable.

Northampton Community College is a public, comprehensive community college that serves more than 36,000 students per year with its main campus in Bethlehem, PA. Currently, there are more than 16,000 students enrolled in their credit programs and an additional 21,000 who are involved in workforce training, adult literacy, or youth classes.

This new campus in Monroe County highlights Northampton’s dedication to Pennsylvania and higher education in America. Northampton’s strong commitment to preparing its students for the demands of today’s economy is reflected in the new campus. Their new workforce training center is forecasted to train 1,000 new, incumbent, and displaced workers in the first 5 years of